



Lake Park Villager

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CLERK'S CORNER

Upcoming Lake Park town meetings:

June 9 – 7:00 PM Parks and Rec Commission
July 4 planning meeting

June 10 – 7:00 PM Public hearing on Stormwater
Ordinance and 2008-2009 Budget followed by Village
Council Meeting

June 12 – 7:00 PM Economic Development Commission
3316 Faith Church Road

June 23 – 7:00 PM Parks and Rec Commission

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SURVEY DUE

JUNE 10, COMMUNITY CENTER, DEADLINE FOR ALL SURVEY RESPONSES

LAKE PARK SAGES

JUNE 13, 6:00 PM, FAITH UMC ACTIVITIES

LAKE PARK GARDEN CLUB

JUNE 16, 6:00 PM, COMMUNITY CENTER, COVERED-DISH DINNER

LAKE PARK SINGLES (AGES 45+)

JUNE 5, 7:00 PM, COMMUNITY CENTER, FOR FURTHER INFORMATION
CONTACT CONNIE AT (704) 893-0055

LAKE PARK PLUS – INVESTMENT STUDY GROUP – MEMBER NAIC

JULY 1, 7:00 PM, 3825 FAITH CHURCH RD

LAKE PARK SINGLES (AGES 45+)

JULY 3, 7:00 PM, COMMUNITY CENTER

4TH OF JULY FESTIVAL

JULY 4, 12:00 PM, RUSSELL PARK

LAKE PARK TOWNHOME ASSOCIATION

JULY 21, 6:30 PM, COMMUNITY CENTER

Council Readies Budget

Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Budget Draft

The Lake Park Council presented a draft of a budget for the upcoming fiscal year during the May Council meeting. The budget sets the tax rate at \$0.21 per \$100 of assessed property value. This rate is down from the rate of \$0.23 from last year, and is essentially flat with respect to the revenue-neutral rate of \$0.2085 following the recent property reevaluation. At this rate, the Council should be able to adequately fund the necessary projects to maintain the beauty of Lake Park. It should also provide the monies required to comply with all near-term requirements of Storm Water Phase II.

The budget will be presented in a public hearing on June 10th at 7:00 PM in the Community Center. The public is welcome to attend to learn more about the budget for next year. Public comments and questions may be voiced either during the hearing or in the subsequent Council meeting.

Economic Development Survey

June 10 Response Deadline Approaches

Village Council and the EDC, sponsor of the 2008 VOLP Survey, welcome your survey response. This

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7th Annual Lake Park 4th of July Festival

The Lake Park Parks and Recreation Commission will be hosting the seventh annual 4th of July Festival in Russell Park. The festivities will begin at 12:00 with a parade led by Mayor Spence. All children are invited to decorate their bicycles or tricycles and join the parade. This year, prizes will be awarded to children judged to have the best decoration. Between 12:30 and 3:00, hot

dogs and chips will be available for purchase for only \$.50 in addition to free watermelon. A DJ will provide musical entertainment for everyone in attendance.

If you are interested in helping make this an enjoyable experience, you can volunteer by contacting Jo Waybright at (704) 882-2005 or Virginia Currence at (704) 882-7706.

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For Your Information

Posting Signs on Traffic Signs

If you find one of your lost/found pet or yard sale signs posted on a traffic sign, please remove them as soon as possible. It is against North Carolina state law (GS 14-145) to affix any such sign on a “danger-sign”, “guide-sign”, or “guide-post”. Thank you for efforts in keeping Lake Park a beautiful place.

Leashes Required in Parks

Recently, a dog owned by a resident in Lake Park bit a young boy. The dog was not on a leash. The village requires that all dogs in public parks be on a leash for the safety of all residents. Also, as a reminder for all pet owners, be sure that your pet wears a tag so that it can be returned if it strays from your home.

Care for our Parks

Our parks are a source of pride for most of our residents. The beauty offered by these common areas sets our village apart from other towns in our area. Lake Park contracts with a company that specializes in caring for the landscaping in these areas. Therefore, no resident should cut down any trees or shrubbery in the parks. If you notice a problem with the landscaping, please notify the town clerk at (704) 882-VOLP

unprecedented survey is designed to gather sound marketing research data suitable for the economic development of our community. The survey also asks for your opinions with simple and objective questions that do not limit or lead you to a biased response.

Outstanding Community Response to Survey

As of Memorial Day weekend, we had received surveys from 20% of Lake Park households, an exceptional early return. 2% is common for most direct mail surveys. Lake Park's return is very promising for a survey of this size. It means that over 225 interested residents in our community, 1 of every 5 households have already taken time from their busy schedules to helpfully provide guidance to our village leaders before the June 10 deadline. Congratulations, Lake Park and thank to all participating residents!

Last call for survey responses

If your household has not responded, you can now. Your answers to the survey questions are important. No names are on the surveys, so we can tabulate the responses yet maintain your privacy.

Just locate your May issue of the Lake Park Villager: the self-addressed and stamped survey mailer is attached.

If you have lost that hand-delivered copy, or it is missing, you may obtain one at the Community Center from 9a-12n Monday through Friday.

Or download a mailable survey at www.lakeparknc.gov. The survey link is at the top of our Village homepage.

All surveys must be at the Community Center by Tuesday, June 10. Survey results are expected to be completed in early August and presented to Council on August 12.

Security Report for April

Calls in April 2008: 50

Calls in March 2008: 53

Most Calls: Alarms – 8

General Disturbances – 7

Traffic Enforcement – 6

Advise our village deputies of when your house will be vacant by using their email address: officer@lakeparknc.gov. Leave a number where you can be reached during your travel. Be sure to stop newspapers and mail, lock all doors and windows. Make arrangements with a trusted neighbor to have your trash cart and recycle bin brought in off the street, to keep a lookout for deliveries, and occasionally park a car in your driveway.

ANY SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY: CALL 911